

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 234329

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, CD

SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REFS: A. STATE 231737; B. NDJAMENA 3319

1. CHADIAN BELIEF THAT FRANCE IS IN ANY WAY OPPOSING  
SIZE OR MANNER OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO CHAD IS COMPLETELY  
ERRONEOUS. AS NOTED IN REF A, CHAD WAS DISCUSSED DURING  
BARRE/VANCE TALKS, BUT NOT IN TERMS MEANT TO CIRCUMSCRIBE  
U.S. ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY. IF CHADIANS SHOULD EVER  
RAISE ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH THE MISSION, A FIRM DENIAL  
SHOULD BE MADE.

2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH YOUR SUSPICIONS THAT  
AMBASSADOR TOURA GABA IS MOST LIKELY SOURCE OF THE RUMOR.  
IN DISCUSSION WITH DEPT OFFICER SEPTEMBER 12, GABA  
SPECULATED THAT U.S. RESPONSE HAD BEEN LIMITED FOR TWO  
REASONS: (1) FEAR OF PROVOKING THE SOVIETS, AND (2)  
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FRENCH OPPOSITION. DEPT OFFICER REPLIED THAT THIS WAS  
NOT THE CASE, AND THAT LEGISLATIVE CONSTRAINTS WERE  
MAJOR LIMITING FACTOR. BRUSHING OFF LEGISLATIVE  
RESTRAINTS, GABA RETURNED TO IDEA OF THE FRENCH CONNECTION  
AND SAID THAT DEPT OFFICER MIGHT NOT BE PRIVY TO PRESSURES  
BROUGHT AT HIGHEST LEVELS. GABA WOULD NOT ELABORATE

FURTHER.

4. FOR PARIS: REGARDING RUMOR (REF B), DEPARTMENT  
THINKS IT BEST NOT RPT NOT TO RAISE ISSUE WITH THE  
FRENCH. HOWEVER, YOU MAY DRAW ON SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 1  
AND 2 ABOVE, IF MATTER DOES COME UP.

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